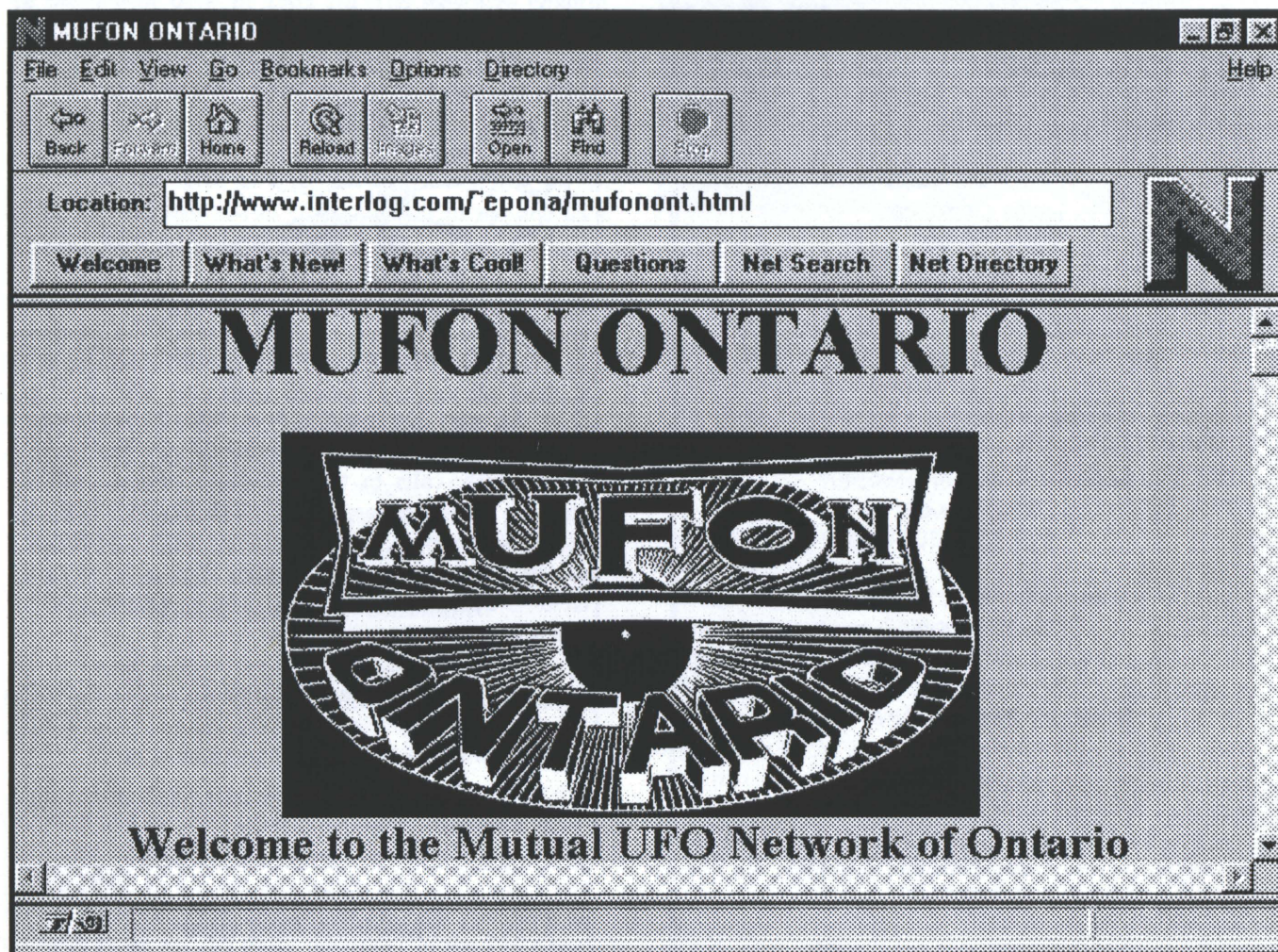




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Victor Lourenco



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UFOs ON PARLIAMENT HILL?

by

John Dowdell

I've just finished reading about the UFOs that pestered parliament back in 1969 (in The MUFON Ontario Newsletter, and David Haisell's fine account reprinted from 1981 and I want to share with you some of my off-the-cuff reactions and impressions of that series of reports in 1969.

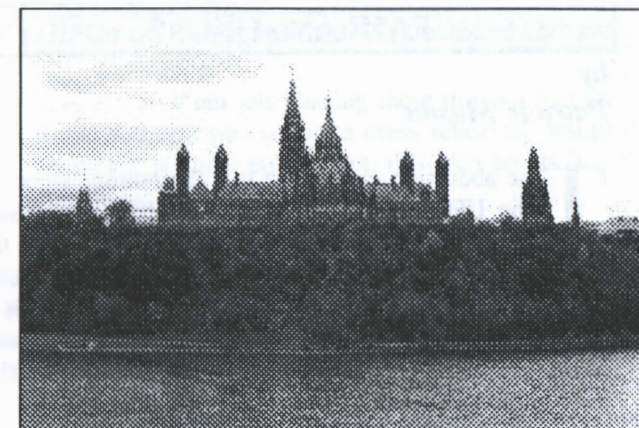
In the spirit of Sherlock Holmes (if not the X Files) I would like you to come along with me and let's consider what we have here.

For example, was it a prank? You know, some university of Ottawa or Carleton physics students rigging up some fancy balloons and battery-operated signal lights and flares? Or, how about someone over on the Hull side of the Ottawa River holding onto a kite with or without balloons, together with the aforementioned lights etc. The balloon/kite idea could nicely account for the object apparently hovering over either the Parliament Buildings or the Prime Minister's residence. It could also account for the object apparently suddenly nearly "crashing" into the river before soaring upward again "noiselessly".

And, as for "...making a statement..." , maybe not aliens but possibly civilians were making a point about the Trudeau administration?

Oh, but you say several RCMP constables observed and reported upon these lights and so on. Now I don't know what these guys were like in 1969, but just last year in 1995, RCMP security surrounded 24 Sussex Drive, and yet some deranged nutcase not only got past them all, but were it not for the quick maneuver of the PM's wife, he might have stabbed the Prime Minister in his very bed.

Oh alright, so you're not convinced it was a kite or balloon combo. In Haisell's report he does not say whether the National Research Council files indicate if Uplands Air Base confirmed a radar lock-on with the target. All that is mentioned is that the RCAF Captain said, (he) "would not be taking any active action concerning the object." If all the reports in that case are to be taken frankly at face value, we would have to assume that some object(s) or inane(s) real or otherwise, were seen by a number of people. Although, if it was still dark when these lights were observed, any kind of structural details or outline of the objects would necessarily be impeded.



Question: Why were these sightings included in Canada's National Research classified or confidential files? If the authorities realized that the occurrences were simply the result of pranksters, it is hard to see why they would enshrine the data in their secret files - unless, as Haisell suggests they were embarrassed at their bungling ineptitude in dealing with the reports. In other words, if in the public's mind there remained an element of doubt, better go the secrecy route than incur complete public scorn through exposure.

Next we might consider the notion of secret technology - ours or the former Soviet Union's - perhaps some sophisticated kind of glider or hovercraft. (Now before you chuck this idea, consider that these sightings took place almost a quarter of a century after the deployment of the atom bomb, and, incidentally, the same year man first walked on the moon. In these terms it is not at all inconceivable to me that scientists and engineers would have been able to invent and manufacture all kinds of unusual aerial devices for reconnaissance purposes or otherwise.

Furthermore, as you know, witnesses (sometimes even trained witnesses) are notorious at misidentifying aerial objects, especially at night! And if the watcher doesn't know what it is he or she is supposed to be viewing, frequently the mind has a way of 'filling in' details that weren't actually seen, or exaggerating the performance characteristics of the said 'object'.

Another idea. What if Ottawa was playing host to a top level exercise planned by the NORAD joint Chiefs of Staff? Sort of a public reaction test-run to monitor the 'panic' theory occasionally alluded to by Pentagon types. This idea might account for the less than enthusiastic response from the RCAF. However, it could be argued that in order to maintain credibility, it would look good to

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EMF AND UFOs?

by
Patricia Mason

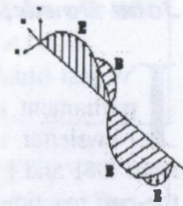
The abduction experience is a fascinating aspect of the UFO phenomena and, like UFOs, is elusive and difficult to research. One must rely on the experiencer's memory of the event. Are these events real? Even experiencers themselves question this. There is a physical and measurable force that can effect human perception - EMF. Discovering the role of EMF in this mystery is essential to its solution.

Magnetite is a mineral with magnetic properties. Composed of black crystals, it is the most common form of iron ore mined in the United States. Magnetite is also found in the cells of living organisms such as honey bees, whales and birds. It is thought to act as a navigational aid, a sort of a biological compass. In the early 1990s, magnetite was found in the human brain by a team of Caltech geobiologists headed by Joseph Kirschvink. Samples of magnetite extracted from various areas of the brain were consistent in size and shape. This may indicate that magnetite serves some biological function, but research has not yet revealed what that function might be.

EMF, electromotive force, is created by the difference in electrical potential between two points causing the generation of both electric and magnetic fields. There has been a public debate going on since the 1970s about the environmental issues of EM (electromagnetic) field exposure (such as living near power lines), microwave radiation and pulsed EM waves (the type emitted by a nuclear explosion) and their consequences to human health. This has generated many medical studies as well as a vast amount of anecdotal information about the physical effects of EMF. As a result, there is a significant amount of information available.

The similarities between the reported effects of EMF and the physical and mental effects reported by people who feel that they have had a UFO abduction are tantalizing and deserve further study. Review of the abduction phenomenon in light of the research to date on the effects of EMF on the human system may yield some exciting and surprising answers. For example, pulsed electromagnetic waves can cause memory loss (1), a consistent and frustrating symptom of the abduction experience that hinders UFO research.

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SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE EFFECTS OF ELECTROMOTIVE FORCE AND THE UFO ABDUCTION PHENOMENON

EMF - REPORTED SYMPTOMS

UFO - REPORTED SYMPTOMS

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| Strange sensation in hands, tingling | <i>Tingling, hair standing on end</i> |
| Change in menstrual cycles | <i>Female disorders, missing fetuses</i> |
| Sleep (electrosleep) | <i>Falling asleep at inappropriate times (such as at the sight of aliens)</i> |
| Allergic responses | <i>Sinus problems</i> |
| Headache | <i>Headache</i> |
| Fatigue | <i>Fatigue</i> |
| Cardiovascular and digestive disorders | <i>Low blood pressure</i> |
| Disorientation | <i>Disorientation</i> |
| Stress-type responses | <i>Post traumatic stress disorder</i> |
| Poor appetite | <i>Depression</i> |
| Physiological changes involving muscle or joint pains | <i>Implants, unexplained marks on body, pain during abduction experience</i> |
| Anti-tumoral effects | <i>Unexplained healing</i> |
| Memory loss | <i>Memory loss i.e. "missing time"</i> |
| Acute sensitivity in sense organs | <i>Increase in perceived psychic abilities</i> |
| Visual phenomena and disturbances in vision | <i>See luminous disks and/or beings</i> |
| Failure to make electrical appliances work | <i>Electrical appliances malfunction in their presence, "can't wear a watch"</i> |

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have a few of our jets chasing these things, if in fact the whole scenario was simply a dress rehearsal designed to gauge the public's pulse. But, this idea seems less than convincing.

Alright, what if... Are we so inured to these accounts that the prospect, however remote, of just one, just one in a million (and there may be more than that) - actually representing alien intelligence and/or artifacts, no longer causes a tingle up and down our spines? If even just one of the many accounts in various files world-wide should ever be unequivocally confirmed extraterrestrial, the occasion would be (in this person's opinion) comparable to the founding of any of the world's great religions, or of any of the greatest moments in human history.

Of course there is considerable circumstantial evidence suggesting our planet has in fact been visited by outsiders many times in our past, and this 'evidence' would include such things as the avatars in Hindu mythology, and the "fiery chariots" of Elija and Ezekiel in the Bible, of late, televangelists like Jack Van Impe and others when they talk about these things, tend to ascribe them to the general workings of the Book of Revelation, alluding to them as angels or demons, or to borrow Jacques Vallee's title, 'messengers of deception'. Now, this isn't the place to critique conventional biblical prophecy as propounded by the likes of Van Impe, but I personally find more insight and stimulus in at least considering a social scenario along the lines of what Eric Von Daniken presented in his 'Chariots of the Gods'. Particularly interesting to me was the discussion of the "cargo cults", for example, on some remote islands in the Philippines. After the end of World War II, anthropologists discovered a tribe which had apparently constructed a tolerable resemblance to an allied reconnaissance airplane, presumably in hopes of luring the "big bird" back! Extending that concept somewhat, I could make a case about how, when confronted by exotic visitors from other star systems, the like of which the Hubble Space Telescope is only just beginning to fathom, our ancestors might quite easily deify the visitors and invest them with "good" and "evil" properties and powers depending upon how they viewed the various occupants' behaviour. All of which is not to say that I have a better inside track than the Bible for example, but I think we owe ourselves a little larger, perhaps more creative view of our immediate galactic environment than what mainstream doctrines present.

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To give a reason for the abduction phenomena is beyond the scope of this paper. There is no hard evidence as to whether the abduction experience is the result of government manipulation of the populace, extraterrestrials, supernatural forces or simply a result of the environment. The true answer is probably far stranger than we can even imagine.

EMF may be the élan vital, the very spark of life that animates our bodies. It may be the force that manifests our consciousness into physical reality. It has been shown to effect our perceptions and feelings. Exposure to EMF may even permanently alter us spiritually. The abduction experience is changing not only the experiencers, it is changing our whole world view. One is reminded of the image of UFOs hovering above power lines. Was this a foreshadowing of future events, or was someone or something trying to provide us with an important clue?

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THE TRUTH IS OUT WHERE ?

by
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In the early years, investigating landing sites played a strong role in UFO reports. These, along with the witness information were gathered, recorded and shared in the belief that a pattern would emerge to reveal the true intent of the space visitors and their ultimate goal. That didn't happen.

Much has changed over the years and the focus of the UFO community has turned to contactee and abductee reports now showing these alien beings to be marauders and sperm-collecting geneticists hell-bent on synthesizing a new race of beings to populate this planet, and using mind control and tracking implants to carry out some evil agenda. Or at least that's how it appears in the UFO mags and at conference lectures.

The problem with this new approach to the UFO mystery is that the majority of the evidence is verbal and based on what the individual can recall from memory or what they reveal during regression hypnosis. While the witness testimony may be sincere it is still the personal interpretation of their experience and it is left to the investigator to determine where to draw the line between reality and illusion.

This opens the way to other possibilities because, if these verbal reports are valid, what about reports of Near Death Experiences? Do NDE'ers actually encounter dead relatives, meet ethereal beings, or visit the "hereafter" where brilliant cities of light and crystal-like building soar into the heavens?

What about those others who under hypnosis have revealed their past lives on this planet hundreds or thousands of years ago, have described lives they lived on other planets in the past or revealed scenes of this planet's future in years to come, some of it describing the future in the most dreadful ways.

So are these accounts any less real than reported encounters with aliens in spacecraft - or claims of visits to cities on other planets or in other realms or, most important, the claims of having been subjected to bizarre medical examinations?

In all of these cases the individuals recall vivid memories of the events and report them with equal sincerity. Some abductees have physical scars said to have been a result of their encounter. The NDE'ers have medical evidence of their death in the reports by doctors

who revived them and in some cases evidence has been uncovered to support the claims of those who recalled their past lives.

While there's no easy answer to these questions, there's more to be considered.

Because in Dr. S. Karagulla's book, *'Through The Curtain'*, she reports her investigation of cases in which individuals revealed their experiences while asleep at night. But their experiences did not involve spaceships, medical examinations or meetings with long dead relatives or deities. Her subjects, whom she described as individuals with HSP, higher sense perception, are like many who have reported an abduction or near death experience and included well credentialed professional people with solid reputations. Some were university professors, high ranking engineers or those in the medical professions. All claimed that, repeatedly over a period of years, they had attended university-like lectures while asleep in their beds at night.

These people recalled going to sleep and voluntarily arriving at the facility, going into the lecture halls with others and could remember discussing the lectures with the instructor. The entire event was perceived as a conscious experience played out in real-time. There were also reports of "Field Trips" to ancient sites and to still-undiscovered secret subterranean vaults where records of the past, written on gold plates, were revealed to them.

Unlike the OBE cases where at some point in their experience they may find themselves invisible to those around them, some night-time students were seen by others who claim to have attended these sleep lectures and recalled seeing friends or associates attending the same lectures.

As in UFO cases, finding multiple witnesses helps to support the witness' testimony. During her investigations, Dr. Karagulla, a distinguished neuropsychiatrist and surgeon, was fortunate in contacting some of these other attendees who, while preferring anonymity, confirmed having attended these dream classes and seeing friends and associates, some of whom were among Karagulla's subjects.

According to Karagulla's subjects, the lectures were conducted by beings from 'a higher plane of existence' who were preparing the students for coming great changes that would affect the whole world and its inhabitants. These individuals claim that, over periods of years, they had regularly attended various lectures during which they were taught new concepts of science not found in any of today's textbooks, were introduced to

ancient scientific principles and esoteric wisdom. Some were shown new methods for producing light, heat and power using crystal devices which extracted a 'di-electric' energy, said to be the opposite of electromagnetic energy, flowing freely in the "sea of energy in which we live." During these lectures holographic-like models were used to demonstrate specific devices which operated while hovering in the air and these were said to have been moved or dismantled by the instructor to demonstrate their inner workings.

It's interesting to compare these reports to that of Patrolman Herbert Schirmen of Ashland, Nebraska, who in December 1975 said he was invited aboard a UFO and shown the control console and the craft's power source by a five-foot tall human-like being. He described a huge crystal-like rotor mounted between two columns, said to be reactors, and was told by the being that the craft operated on "reversed magnetic and electrical energy which allowed them to control matter and overcome gravity."

If what Karagulla's "night students" were being taught in the 1950s is comparable to what Schirmen was shown and told in 1975, it would seem that a method exists for using crystals to produce some form of reversed electromagnetic energy and its being used to power alien spacecraft.

If there is such an energy that is equal to, and the opposite of, electromagnetic energy, we might wonder if its radiations are what shuts down electrical systems when UFOs are nearby. Does it also temporarily suspend the EM forces active in matter and reduce mass and thereby gravity? Does this energy parallel the anti-neutrons and anti-protons being sought by physicists who propose that all things in nature have their equal and opposite.

It is curious that these 'Night students' mentioned Space Beings from other planets and intelligences from realms of a higher frequency or stage of development, who are helping individuals and groups on earth to prepare them for the higher levels of human consciousness and physical changes on this planet that humans will be faced with in the near future.

Is this a form of technology transfer that has been going on unnoticed for decades? Are aliens from other planets and beings from other dimensions operating a cooperative venture intended to save the earth and its inhabitants from a disastrous future of their own making?

Some of this sounds like the reports of encounters with aliens who are said to have taken the

contactees aboard their craft and warned them of the dire future facing the world today because of the misuse of the earth and its resources. They were shown scenes of chaos and destruction said to be coming in the years ahead and many of these contactees claim to have acquired psychic abilities during the encounter. But none of these abductees recalled being given the secrets of any great technology.

If just a small number of people were involved, these reported experiences might be passed off as delusions and nightmares. But as more and more people of various levels of intellect report these experiences, a pattern of similarities emerges that can hardly be explained as "copycat" hoaxing or publicity seeking.

If these events involve an evolutionary transformation in the human consciousness, as some are proposing, this might explain why there are so many reports on file where individuals claim to have encountered a UFO at close range and find their whole life has been changed by the experience. While the majority remain physically unchanged, their personality and outlook on life can become entirely different. In some rare cases there are instances where the individual has been instantly healed of some physical ailment which they claim was cured by a beam of light emitted by the UFO during the course of their encounter. Most seem to have encountered beings from some other planet or appear to have temporarily left this reality and had a short visit in some other dimension or level of existence.

In many cases it would seem the type of event most witnesses encounter is one designed to enhance their personal level of awareness, in others the witness does not appear to have received any benefit from the encounter and, in fact, some suffered serious physical injury. Yet even these seem to have served as a messenger, bringing an absolutely bizarre report to the attention of others who are presented with evidence of unexplainable physical effects received by the witness or left behind at the event site.

If there is a message in all of this, then it must be that our material reality is not structured as we have been taught to believe and during these encounters human consciousness is being strangely manipulated by some outside agency. And, since we experience reality through our consciousness and during these encounters reality appears to undergo bizarre changes, we need to ask how dependable our perceptions of reality actually are.

That's a good question. Because scientists today are less certain about the standard concepts that served so

well in the past, but now seem insupportable in light of new concepts that challenge many established principles.

Quantum physics, for example, tells us that material matter is composed of 99.9% nothingness and the remaining tenth of a percent is an invisible bundle of vibrating energy occupying a vast empty void. We are told that it is the way we perceive the microscopic patterns of these spinning forces that leads us to believe matter is solid. In short, our material reality is about as tenuous as our dreams.

Further, in Rupert Sheldrake's morphogenetic field theory he, like Drs. Burr and Ravitz before him, proposes an even more bizarre reality in which all things are structured around their individual pattern of resonant fields of energy whose resonance's serve as a matrix that defines the shape, form and purpose of the resulting material object.

In Sheldrake's proposals these fields are morphogenetic in nature and because of this the object, has a natural link to all other morphogenetic fields through a collective universal system acting as a central memory or data bank where all information relating to that specie, and all others, is stored and remains available to all specie able to access this central system.

Sheldrake goes on to propose that when something that has never before existed comes into being, the means for making it happen - a new morphogenetic field, for example - also becomes part of this universal memory and the collective intelligence that links all things together.

In Sheldrake's work he applied this reasoning to cases where chemical compounds that could never be crystallized, suddenly crystallized for no known reason. From then on, laboratories anywhere using the same failed methods were able to crystallize the compounds without any changes in the methods being used.

Sheldrake theorized that the first crystallization was preceded by the creation of a new morphogenetic field for that type of event, and all such compounds thereafter had the ability to crystallize because information concerning that new morphogenic field was added to that part of the universal memory to which all chemical compounds of that nature are connected.

Sheldrake went on to apply this theory to humans who, with difficulty learn to type or ride a bicycle, or to laboratory rats trained to run through a maze. When their

successes were added to the collective memory, the tasks became increasingly easier for all who followed.

Applying this concept to the discoveries of entirely new particles by physicists who required them to fill in gaps in their theories, one wonders if it was the mind of the physicists, not nature, that brought these particles into existence, and from then on, these new particles are detected and proven to exist by other physicists around the world because the morphogenetic field for such a particle now exists in the universal memory bank?

So are these physicists revealing Nature's hidden secrets, or subconsciously creating a new reality that conforms to their proposed concepts?

If Sheldrake's proposals are valid, then by the same token when an individual undergoes an encounter, abduction, NDE or other such experience, and during the event crosses the threshold into a higher level of consciousness, are new morphogenetic fields created and added to the universal memory bank? If so, then similar higher levels of consciousness should be available to all through the collective intelligence and to the degree of their individual ability to accept it.

If that's the case, then it should be expected that as more and more individuals experience an encounter, each encounter should result in increased levels of consciousness throughout the world. Whether or not this will save us from some dire future, time alone will tell.

So what about the new technology the "night students" were taught? Are the morphogenetic fields of this technology also in the universal data bank just waiting for someone who can ask the right questions at the right time to access this source?

Also, are morphogenetic fields for the experience of the hereafter now stored in the universal data bank by the NDEer's experiences?

There are many in ufology who believe that, at some point, the aliens will arrive at the door of the White House or the UN to announce that they are taking on the job of teaching humans a better way of life. Instead it may be that the aliens, or whoever, have been using a more subtle, natural means and using the human mind as a modem for accessing the collective memory bank of earthlings where the required changes could be programmed until humans, through their own volition

and need for change, are able to retrieve the information and apply it.

Is this why some contactees, even under hypnosis, refuse to tell all that was revealed to them during their encounter?

While this might seem like some grand solution, it must be remembered that there is also evidence showing that some UFOs act as if they were a form of unrecognized natural energy phenomena more than alien craft. If some of these visible anomalies are natural energy events, playing a role in triggering mind-altering encounters, we would need to know if the morphogenetic fields responsible for these natural phenomena are a creation of some "outside" source making this route available rather than openly enforcing changes.

Not to be forgotten in all of this are the proposals by Dr. Michael Persinger, a highly qualified member of the scientific community who takes a more pragmatic view of the whole field of UFOs and encounters in general. He proposes that tectonically-generated forces inside the earth may be the source of many of the unexplained lights we call UFOs and goes on to suggest that radiations from this source may induce hallucinatory effects in the brain networks of those within the perimeter of these radiated fields.

Persinger has even performed laboratory experiments to support his proposals. Those who have donned his magic hat and stepped into his darkened cabinet have witnessed strange and bizarre encounters with the imagining in their own minds when the door was closed behind them. Outside, Persinger pushed buttons that induced artificial fields into specific areas of the subject's brain to mimic, at close range, the wavelengths produced by seismic forces which he believes can trigger hallucinations matching what is being reported as encounters.

But what goes on in the magician's cabinet is one thing; what goes on in the real world is something else. If Persinger's proposals are valid, they should also explain how two or more persons, separated by some distance, can participate in the same experience through dreams. Are they in telepathic communication while asleep? Why would a person asleep in the upper levels of an apartment building be affected by the radiations from these erupting energies yet those on the lower levels are not? If these radiations erupt out of the earth beneath the building, they should be stronger for those on the lower levels.

Persinger also does not address the evidence of selectivity in many UFO events. For example: an individual driving down a highway at the legal limit, sees a UFO and suddenly finds themselves twenty or thirty miles down the road with no idea of how they got there. If these radiations act to stimulate the individual's imagination, who drives the car?

Another unanswered question arises in the Schirmen encounter, mentioned above. Because when the investigators arrived at the site they found three deep depressions in the hard soil which seemed to suggest that a large, three-legged object had set down on the site. If Schirmen were hallucinating the whole event in his brain, how could the ground at the site be affected by his hallucinations? Over the decades since, similar physical evidence has been found in all too many other cases for this evidence to be ignored.

If there is some underlying truth in Dr. Persinger's proposals, then he may be quite right that some unrecognized force is being generated inside the earth and erupting into the atmosphere where its matter-altering activities produce a variety of unexplained phenomena. On that basis, it might be more productive if greater attention was paid to the evidence matter-altering activities going on during many unexplained events. It may turn out that this unexplored energy is the unsuspected CAUSE of seismic activity due to its matter-altering activities deep inside the earth. In this respect it could be a precursor to earthquake activity as tentatively proposed by Dr. Persinger.

Worth noting is that, while Persinger earlier cautioned UFO investigators of the possibility of behavior changes due to repeated exposure to residual radiations at event sites, he now mentions an expanded consciousness as an effect of the exposure.

In the face of these unanswered questions it seems bizarre that the majority in the UFO community allow themselves to be diverted by hoaxes, lies, charges and counter charges. A good example is the alien autopsy film and the attention it gets and nobody asks why the aliens, who have demonstrated a capacity to walk through solid walls, didn't come down and recover their own MIAs or just "beam them aboard?"

Not to worry, these films are destined to be a big topic for some time. As the circus barker always said to the crowd outside the tent, "You ain't seen nothin' yet, folks. Pick up your (convention) ticket and step inside."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE EDITOR
THE CANADIAN UFOLOGIST

The letter to the Editor signed by Mr. John Velez which appeared in the November 1995 issue of THE CANADIAN UFOLOGIST attracted my attention. But I have waited until the program was aired before formulating my thoughts. Like Velez, I was extremely disappointed, although undoubtedly for different reasons. The production was indeed biased, but I would not characterize it as a rehash of the favorite theories of the professional debunkers, whoever they might be.

From what John Velez intimates, he had an outstanding experience, whose ontological reality could be substantiated, but the evidence presented by him and Budd Hopkins ended up on the floor of the cutting room. From what I heard, so did the opinions of Phil Klass, certainly a harsh critic but not a professional debunker, as he, unlike Hopkins, doesn't get remunerated for his efforts.

I don't know anything about John Velez's case, although indeed I would like to learn the details, hoping that it is different from many other alleged abductions presented in the books of Hopkins, Jacobs and Mack, books which did quite well in the marketplace. I don't know whether Velez's case was included in the NOVA program or not, but it is clear from his letter that Velez was introduced to NOVA by Hopkins.

And that is the root of the matter. Hopkins has lost all credibility, after sponsoring scandalous and obvious hoaxes, such as the Gulf Breeze photographs and the Manhattan Transfer case of Linda Napolitano for which it is not clear who deceived whom. No wonder poor Budd has not been able to interest a publisher in his work!

The NOVA program was never intended to demonstrate the absurdity or the reality of the abduction phenomenon, but was apparently conceived to discredit Hopkins. This goal was skillfully achieved, with the cameo appearance of an aged Carl Sagan, the deliberate omission of the best known debunker Phil Klass and the participation of psychologist Elizabeth Loftus of False Memory fame.

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After widespread publicity, such as that for the UFO reports from Fort Resolution ('UFO Sightings Have Territories Town In A Trance', Nov. '95), everyone looks up and they begin to report many different stimuli as UFOs.

The object featured in the article by Gwen Dambrosky, reprinted from the Toronto Star is a sure bet to have been the planet Venus, which has been brilliantly in the southwestern sky for months. It wasn't found by Col. Leblanc in cloudy skies, and disappeared in late January about 8 P.M. after moving west and then down.

The Mayor's description of an object with red, green and blue lights with a constant white light in the centre is a classic description of a bright astronomical object in unsteady, cold, clear, air and is due to turbulence and refraction of the object's light. Venus often appears to be spinning as it exhibits a rainbow of colors.

My guess is that the 'UFO' will still be there nightly in April and May, but that those who report sighting it will not report seeing brilliant Venus nearby. The planet will reach its greatest northern declination in the sky in the 20th Century on May 4, and will be dazzling observers well into the summer.

An excellent annual source of sky information for investigators is the Observers Handbook 1996 of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, 136 Merton St., Toronto, Ontario M5R 1V2.

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But, getting back to Ottawa 1969. So, do you think that beings from other worlds really cared to listen in on our silly parliamentary debates? Some, such as Stan Friedman would say that the decisions made by our legislative bodies ultimately affect such things as the environment and the development of nuclear energy and other high technology, which presumably matter to the galactic 'community'. Perhaps.

As to what happened in Ottawa in 1969, if I were a betting man, I'd put my money on kites, flares, balloons, 'saucer' shaped mini-blimps, and radio-controlled models. Sorry!

KIDNAPPED BY UFOs

by
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John Velez spent many years, on what he thought was a spiritual quest, searching for answers. What he eventually discovered shook him to his core. His Ordination as a



Church Minister, years as a print specialist, musician and artist, hadn't prepared him for what he discovered was at the root of his quest - a lifetime of 'alien' abductions.

He was in Toronto on Sunday April 14, 1996, to speak about his abduction experiences and the way some of the 'main-stream media', scientists and psychologists have recently treated 'experiencers' and Abduction Researchers.

John Velez, an eloquent, intense and very bright New Yorker, is in his mid-to-late forties, married with two grown children, a twenty-four-year-old daughter and a twenty-one-year-old son. His story is one that has become all too familiar to UFO researchers. He, his wife and both his children are UFO/alien abductees.

Speaking to a capacity crowd of eighty or so, sometimes quite emotionally people, in a meeting room at the Unitarian Church on St. Clair West at Avenue Road in Toronto, Velez prefaced his talk by pointing out that he was here representing no one but himself. He wasn't here to make money, sell books or as a member of 'Budd Hopkins Group'. Hopkins' was his counselor at the time of his re-calling, under hypnosis, his harrowing experiences. "One of my motivations for doing this is to find and talk to other abductees. To help them understand what's happening to them and to let them know that they're not crazy. You're not crazy. It's real."

He, until two years ago, when his wife bought him *Missing Time* by Budd Hopkins, had not read any of the UFO literature. He wasn't a 'UFO Buff' but had actually had six daylight UFO sightings - which he, as he puts it, "never considered that unusual for some reason!" Reading Hopkins' book was very disturbing for him - as he read the accounts of abductees experiences, he realised that his were "a dead-fit for things that I had explained to myself as nightmares or spiritual experiences I'd had in

meditation. I figured that these weird dreams had something to do with my soul trying to communicate information to my conscious mind, and I had rationalised all these experiences away."

"It was frightening for me. It was very difficult to accept that it wasn't something that just affected me but also affected my wife and children."

The Velez family have been 'taken' on a regular basis throughout their lives. John recalls having many different, horrific 'medical' procedures performed on him, including forced ejaculation for semen sampling, and the removal of an eyeball to allow for the insertion of an implant in his brain. His wife, who tends to remove herself when people visit their home to discuss UFOs, has been the subject of several gynecological related abductions. She awoke one morning to find a deep groove around the top of her thigh with an even deeper mark where a buckle might be. A slide that John showed illustrated the mark - it was on another abductee in Australia.

Prior to his first meeting with the producers of NOVA's 'Kidnapped By UFOs?', John had made a list of suggestions for psychological testing that they could perform on him - to eliminate psychopathology as an explanation for his experiences. "I know I'm not crazy and wanted them to know it too", he said.

John had previously taken the MPPI (Multi-Phasic Personality Indicator) test, administered by psychologist Dr. Aphrodite Clamar in New York. It showed him to be quite sane, but indicated symptoms of post traumatic stress syndrome - of which there was none in his 'life'.

He also suggested x-rays, CAT and MRI scans in order to establish the presence or lack of foreign objects in his body. John also wanted them to go to his house, interview and test his wife and children and check the building itself for any magnetic or unusual radiation levels.

None of his suggestions were followed up on. In fact, three months later, he received, a letter from Producer Denise Dilanni containing a 'laundry list' of reasons explaining why NOVA couldn't, or wouldn't perform the tests. "It was at that point that I began to have reservations about what the final product was going to be, and it turned out that it was a very one-sided, un-scientific presentation of a phenomena that affects us all. Denise Dilanni has suffered as much, in terms of professional credibility as we have."

"What NOVA did was a sin and a crime against humanity. The phenomenon, the reality of what is going on has been mis-represented. Those people are still clinging to the safety of their skepticism."



"The NOVA program told a lot of lies. It said that abductions only happen in the middle of the night, when people are fast asleep. That's just not true. Abductions happen in broad daylight, in front of witnesses. The reason they occur mostly at night is because these guys operate under the cover of night."

"Another lie NOVA told is that all the memories that abductees claim to have are derived from their hypnosis - strictly from the hypnosis. That's just not true. Pre-existing memory is a major factor in bringing 'us', the abductees, to major researchers seeking help, seeking answers."

In 'setting-up' a clip from his video-copy of a hypnotic regression session conducted by Budd Hopkins, in front of a NOVA camera, John said: "The experience I was recalling on this tape was already 60 or 70 percent consciously remembered. What the hypnosis did, was allow me to fill in some informational gaps."

"Now, I'm not here pitching or defending the practice of hypnosis. It is an effective tool. However, I do believe that, during hypnosis sessions, some confabulation does happen, but it's up to the researcher and the individual to sift through all the material and find the nuggets."

"The hypnosis has provided me with tremendous symptomatic relief in terms of anxiety. By symptoms I mean I had trouble sleeping at night. I had to check my windows and doors three or four times before I could get into bed. At least three or four times a year I would sit bolt upright in my bed from a dead-sleep. I was in a full blown panic, sweating and with my heart pounding. Not knowing why. Not remembering what I had been dreaming immediately before. I'd done that most of my adult life. Among abductees these are very common phobias and quirks. But all of that has stopped happening since my hypnosis - I've never in my life felt as centred and strong as I do now."

"Budd Hopkins is very careful when he does hypnosis. There has been the odd occasion when there may have been suggestions of 'leading', but I'm very careful to listen for that kind of stuff. I have eight years experience in Crisis Intervention counseling, so I'm

familiar with counseling techniques. I know the meaning of the word 'leading' and that just hasn't happened with me."

"The experiences for me are cathartic. I cry, I yell, I laugh. I experience the full range of human emotion. It's not all terrible. It is frightening and it is traumatising."

I don't argue with the 'New-Agers' - the people who say these beings are benevolent and are here to help us save the world. I'm rooting for them. I hope they're right.

"I think too many people, researchers included have arrived at conclusions about this phenomena. We don't know what their intentions are. I don't think these beings are malevolent. I don't think they're benevolent either. My personal take on all of this is that they're here to serve their own purposes. There's a lot of genetic material being gathered from humanity."

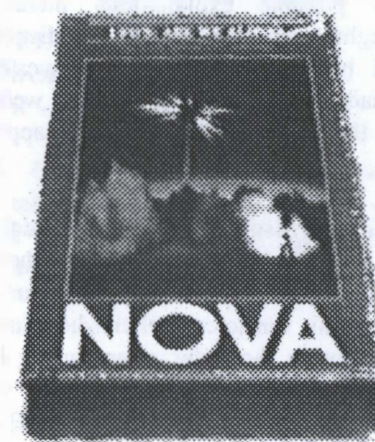
"I've had some 'New-Age' people tell me I must have consented at some point in my life to participate in this. I don't remember every having done that. As far as I'm concerned I feel as if my life has been shattered in a way. The privacy and sanctity of my home has been violated. My body has been violated. My wife has been violated. My children have been violated. And until the day arrives that we all know for sure that these beings are here for our benefit, we have to learn to walk the middle-road. There's too much 'believing' going on. There's too much dis-believing going on. We've got the skeptics on one side and the 'New-Age' people on the other. There are not enough of us standing in the middle. I have to stay credible with myself. It's not about being credible with you. I have to stay credible with myself and have to apply all the life experience I've gained to be able to cope with this mess. I've had to conquer and overcome my fear. That wasn't something I did by running to Tibet and sitting in a cave meditating for six years. I was forced to do it."

"Some people will tell you 'it's a benefit ; a gift the aliens have given you'. I don't think its a gift they gave me. I think its a gift I got from God. I think it's a tribute to the human soul and the human spirit that we're able to cope with this and survive. Its a tribute to us and how beautiful and powerful human beings are in their heart of hearts and how they can deal with anything and go on."

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FROM FOLEY'S LIBRARY..

by
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UFOS: ARE WE ALONE?

(NOVA-1982/VESTRON VIDEO/VHS/1988)

"The truth behind UFO Sightings"
(pronouncement from video package)

In view of the controversy generated by the Nova program, *Kidnapped by Aliens?*, readers may find the following of interest. In 1982 Nova produced *The Case of the UFOs*, which was later released on video in 1988 under the title *UFOS: Are We Alone?*.

Nova presented the viewer with a vast array of skeptical opinions, however, UFO proponents spent the majority of their time making conciliatory remarks in response to these platforms. For example, proponent Allen Hendry spent much of his time recounting his favourite planet Venus report and also described how an advertising plane was responsible for another UFO occurrence. My point is, we all know that these misidentifications occur, therefore, why devote such an inordinate amount of limited air-time in reporting that which contains little or no probative value? Further, that *if* this must be done, shouldn't the skeptics be presenting this material? Why should Hendry have spent what limited time he was allotted, to discussing Venus and an advertising plane?

In the segment which Nova investigated UFO photographs, Bill Spaulding of Ground Saucer Watch (GSW) presented a computer analysis of the 1967 "UMMO" craft, replete with it's suspending wire! One other UFO photograph was presented, and was

subsequently exposed using such computer technology. Why didn't Nova report on the computer processing that GSW had completed on the McMinnville photos or of the Montana movies for example? As these pictures apparently *do* show structured, unidentified anomalous air craft, was their omission from this program an oversight or was it intentional?

Of note is the fact that both McMinnville photos were thrust at the viewer (as well as other photographs) without explanation. It was *at this precise moment*, that the program's narrator stated that many UFO photographs had been hoaxed. Does Nova therefore regard the McMinnville photos as a hoax? If so, such a claim would indeed prove astonishing as even the Condon Committee had cautiously reported otherwise, following their examination of these pictures.

Bruce Maccabee, who appears in this documentary, had also conducted an analysis of these photographs, which included a photometric examination of the original negatives. Maccabee reaffirmed the Condon Committee's conclusion, "...that an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two witnesses." Also of note, is the fact that both Spaulding and Maccabee had their examination results published, several years *prior* to the production of this program. I would have felt more comfortable had Nova informed their viewers of the existence of this data.

Providing that Nova had some reservation in using both Spaulding and Maccabee's examination results, (which was apparently not the case), they could have contracted another lab to analyze these important pictures. Nova had used this approach when they conducted their own computer analysis of the controversial "grassy knoll" photographs in their documentary, *Who Shot President Kennedy?*. As Spaulding and Maccabee had both appeared in our above noted UFO video, it is reasonable to conclude that Nova had an opportunity to obtain the McMinnville lab results as well as other such data, for the purpose of informing their viewers. For reasons best known to Nova, this material was not presented.

Much coverage was allotted to the Travis Walton case, in which radio frequency (RF) fields sustaining plasma activity was used to provide one possible explanation for this occurrence. Doctor M. Persinger proceeded to explain how RF fields could also act on the human brain, causing it to release dream like experiences, and confabulate or even induce partial amnesia.

explain *some* UFO reports and applaud their inclusion in the program.

Nova then solicited the opinion of Jack McCarthy, who cast Walton's testimony into disrepute. McCarthy had administered a polygraph test to Walton, and stated on camera that Walton had lied. In fact, Nova allotted 2.5 minutes to this coverage, although the fact that Walton had passed another test was only briefly mentioned during a 4 second time slot! This was followed by a comment that the procedure had been criticized, thus leaving viewers with the impression that this examination lacked merit. McCarthy concluded by stating that reporters had *asked* him to sign a statement indicating that he would not disclose aspects of his administered polygraph test.

In his book, *The Walton Experience*, (Berkely, paperback, 1978), Travis Walton explains that McCarthy *did* in fact sign this document, then proceeded to break this trust by using such privileged information in collusion with a writer whose motives Walton questioned. Walton further alleged that this writer was a specialist in debunking UFO reports. Walton further explains that McCarthy was upset as a battery of professionals had disagreed with his test results and interpretations, adding that they were meaningless due to Walton's state of mind at the time and also due to the nature of McCarthy's line of questioning. Nova had only reported that Walton, (a non-professional), had made this observation. Walton further maintained that McCarthy exhibited extreme negative bias towards UFOs prior to his administering the test.

Nova did not report the fact that the six eyewitnesses to Walton's UFO encounter were also polygraphed. As the authorities had initially suspected foul play in Walton's disappearance, these individuals were examined and were asked a question regarding the alleged UFO sighting. Five of the six subjects "passed" this test, while the other subject's test results was deemed inconclusive. As Nova reported, Walton did pass another polygraph test, though readers may also be interested in learning that his brother, Duane, and their mother, Mary Kellet were also tested and had passed their examinations as well. Of further interest, is that Travis Walton's taped testimony was subjected to a voice stress analysis, which subsequently supported the veracity of his account. While it is beyond the scope of this review to conclude what actually happened, why did Nova present McCarthy's findings to the exclusion of the above noted test results and opinions?

Fifteen minutes of coverage was spent on the Wellington/Kaikoura (New Zealand) case of 1978 in which various "experts" were called upon in an effort to resolve matters by employing natural explanations. For example, atmospheric physicist Bill Ireland presented a number of possible explanations including distant terrestrial lights such as a light house, distant city lights or a squid boat. Although twenty investigating U.S. scientists had examined the film and were unable to account for the sighting, only Maccabee appeared on the program.

This case also involved several radar returns and much time was devoted to showing that these *may* have been caused by weather anomalies. A dubious opinion was tendered by an air traffic controller who admitted that he was not present in the radar room during the night in question. None of his counterparts who were present however, were interviewed. Doctor R.B. Chadwick lectured viewers on temperature inversions and how they may impact radar imaging. I have read that had a temperature inversion been a factor in this sighting, then the pilot would have made critical engine operating adjustments and/or radar would have targeted images in locations other than those reported. While it exceeds my expertise to render an opinion on this critical matter, I would have welcomed such, had Nova presented one.

Nova did report, however, that it was questionable whether Wellington radar would have even detected such turbulence at the distance involved.

During this sighting the on camera reporter described the UFO as having "...a brightly lit bottom and a transparent sort of sphere on top...like a Flying Saucer..." This footage is critical as it **supports eyewitness accounts** of the object observed. Nova only reported that it looked like a dome, then dismissed this observation as having been caused by the camera being improperly focused. While this sequence was initially marred by a focusing problem, the footage that followed appears sharp, and the resultant image is consistent with eyewitness reports. Such testimony obviously undermines the weight that one might have otherwise assigned to Ireland's opinion that the light was terrestrial in origin.

Perhaps the most disconcerting aspect of this program was what they *didn't* show. For example, where was Ted Phillips and his several thousand trace evidence cases? Where were J. Allen Hynek, Jacques Vallee or Stanton Friedman? Why wasn't the Coyne case covered rather than Hendry's favourite planet Venus account?

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UFO IN WALTHAM, QUEBEC?

Valley lumber workers have close shave with star-shaped UFO

From *THE OTTAWA CITIZEN*
Thursday, March 21, 1996
by Julia Elliot - Staff Writer

WALTHAM, Que. - Seven salt-of-the-earth Valley workers saw something Tuesday that seemed straight out of the X-Files - a star-shaped object that touched down briefly then took flight at a Quebec lumber yard near Pembroke.

And 24 hours after the sighting they're still sticking to the story as they grade lumber and run the office at the Waltham Dry Kilns company in Waltham. Every 15 minutes, superintendent Luc Fortin, 26, explains the phenomenon to media outlets from Toronto to Montreal.

When another curious reporter arrives in this village on the Ottawa River, Fortin smiles, jumps into a three-quarter ton-truck, drives along a mud-rutted road and points to a small sawdust shed in view of Lilly Lake.

Near the sawdust shed, Fortin marks a spot in the snow where he says co-worker Hector Brochu saw a smooth, star-shaped metallic object, about 45 centimeters in diameter, touch down and take flight again.

For a good 10 minutes, Fortin says, he saw the "bright light" in flight. "It stopped shining and shone again ... and then we lost sight of it."

Just for the record, worker Gilbert Daze fashioned a replica of the object using mainly aluminum foil.

"It was the talk of the town," said Pembroke Observer reporter Ken Bonert. "Everybody was cracking jokes ... this is not a UFO capital."

Capt. John McCullough, spokesman for Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, says no one on the base has seen the Waltham flying object. Sometimes alleged UFO sightings can be attributed to pairs of green-glow flares or helicopters flying at night, he says.

The Waltham sighting is not considered "significant," he adds.



Photo by Lynn Ball, The Ottawa Citizen

But it's significant for Carl Labine from Fort Coulonge, a lift driver at the dry kilns company who witnessed the strange sight.

Labine, 35, says he dreamed about the "big star" Tuesday night. "It's a thing like that you can never forget."

"It was beautiful, flawless, just like the first day it was made ... We have an idea it's something not normal but we're not sure if it's a UFO."

For Denise Morrisette, a Waltham Dry Kilns office worker, the sighting is embarrassing. She says people are going to ask, "Are you smoking something?"

MUFON Ontario comments

This case is still under investigation and a follow-up will be published soon.

THE CHUPACABRAS OF PUERTO RICO

The 'Chupacabra' phenomenon is heating up and has taken over the 'Number One Serious Discussion Topic' on many news groups and conferences on the various Nets. Thousands of animals have been killed in Puerto Rico, and communities now live in fear. The blood-sucking Chupacabra, a strange 4 foot tall, creature, it has been suggested, is related to 'alien greys', but has a reptilian tail and claws and sucks its victims completely dry of bodily fluids.

Puerto Rican authorities claim the deaths are due to attacks from groups of stray dogs, baboons(!) or exotic animals illegally introduced to the island. The director of Puerto Rico's Department of Agriculture Veterinary Services Division, Hector Garcia, has stated that, "it could be dogs, that the small puncture wounds observed in the victims necks are similar to those inflicted by the fangs of canines." They conveniently ignore the fact that whatever

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penetrates the animal, is at least three or four inches long, and in a few cases, has been known to cauterize the wall of the wound - apparently to prevent excessive blood loss. No known animal species on Earth can do this.

Animals have been found with many small - perfect circular holes about 1/4" - 1/2" in diameter arranged in pairs of triangular fashion. These penetrate deep into the neck of lower jaws of the victims. Dr. Carlos Soto, a qualified veterinarian, states the wounds have a regular pattern in many of the cases - into the head of the animal - a hole penetrating through the right jaw bone, muscle and tissue, and straight into the brain: more specifically directly to the cerebellum, puncturing it and causing instant death to the animal. This regular type of wound, and the path followed by whatever intrudes into the body, indicates premeditation. The attack style reveals intelligence and a type of euthanasia technique, which prevents the attacked animal from suffering. This too revealed intelligence.

The reports continue to flood in - the Chupacabra have apparently crossed into the US, with reports now being filed of similar attacks on animals in Florida.

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"It's not an easy job, for me, to stay focused on my life. I have a wife, kids and a home. I have to function in the world - earn a living - and its not easy."

"A part of what I'm doing when I come before a group like this, is helping to condition you guys. If you hear this stuff over and over from me and five-hundred other abductees, often enough and for long enough, the day that these guys make their presence known, not that many people will be leaping out of windows. People's consciousness will have been conditioned to some extent to help prevent some of that from happening."

John Velez is evidently a man with a mission. Whether that mission is his own or has been assigned, only time will tell.

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Hendry eventually countered by saying that 1% of UFO cases are those that cannot be explained away, but he did not discuss any of these cases.

In respect to the possibility that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe Nova added that it is unlikely that any such beings would visit the earth. Is this

statement presumptuous or does Nova know something that we don't? Although Nova concluded that there are UFO sightings that are difficult to explain, all would have benefited had such been presented in a more objective manner.

FROM THE NET...

The National UFO Reporting Center, located in Seattle, WA, has received several telephoned reports recently of multiple dramatic sightings of a bizarre object over eastern Minnesota, western Wisconsin, and possibly Michigan, as well. The object was observed early Sunday morning, April 14, 1996. Some of the sightings apparently may have been made by State Troopers in one or more of those three states.

The object was reported by all observers to be apparently very large, it had a very distinctive pattern of lights, it was seen to be below clouds at some locations, and all observers described it as being extraordinarily bizarre in appearance.

A more detailed description of the object will be released in the near future, but we would welcome reports from anyone who may have witnessed the object.

Also, a second dramatic sighting occurred over central Pennsylvania on Friday night, April 12, 1996, which involved multiple commercial aircraft, and which was observed and confirmed on radar at the New York Air Traffic Control Center. If anyone witnessed anything unusual in that area on that night in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, PA, or at locations to the east of that city, we would welcome a report via e-mail, snail mail, or by telephone.

I post our UFO Reporting Hotline telephone number, but for the time being, we would be grateful if readers refrain from calling us with queries about either of these two incidents. We try to reserve the line for incoming UFO reports only.

Our telephone number is: (206) 722-3000. It is a 24-hour line, but since we sleep like the rest of the world, we prefer calls from between 8:00 a.m. to midnight, unless it is a bona fide emergency.

We will be posting data about the two sightings on our web site in the near future. The web address is:
<http://www.nwlink.com/~ufocntr>
Thanks to one and all!!
Peter B. Davenport, Director